



# Plasmodium resistance

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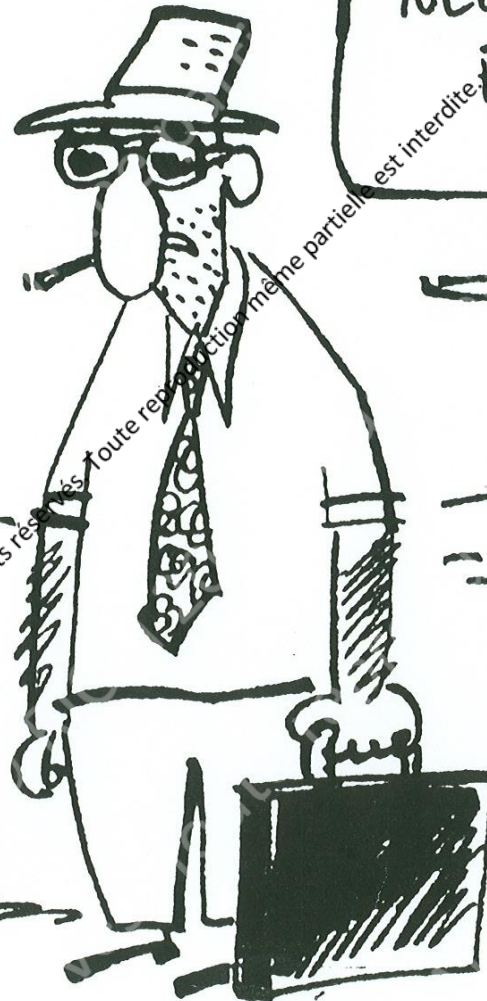


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# L'AFRIQUE VICTIME D'UN TRAFIC DE FAUX MÉDICAMENTS



IL NE FAUT PAS  
NÉGLIGER L'EFFET  
PLACEBO!

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# SURVEY OF THE QUALITY OF SELECTED ANTIMALARIAL MEDICINES CIRCULATING IN SIX COUNTRIES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Figure 10:

Comparison of tablets appearance for two SP samples from the same manufac

The sample on the left does not contain pyrimethamine



Figure 11: ACTs and SPs: Proportions of compliant, moderately non-compliant and extremely non-compliant\* samples

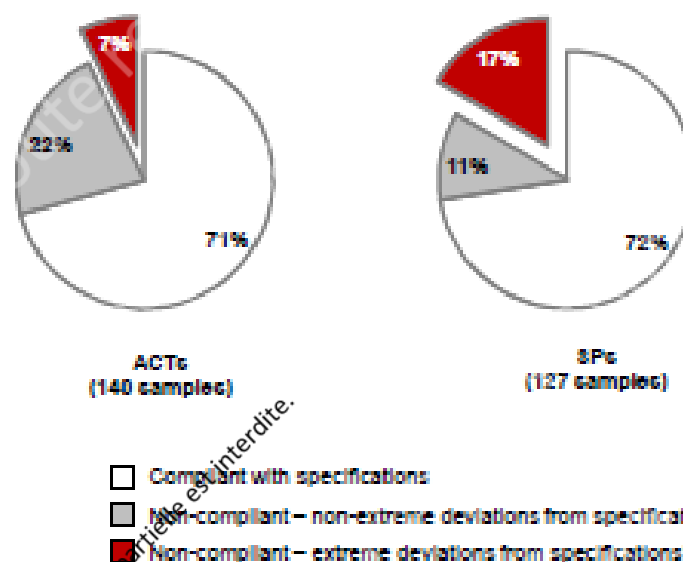


Table 19: Manufacturers of tested artemether/lumefantrine samples

Manufacturer	No. of samples tested	No. of batches tested	Countries of collection
Beijing Novartis Pharma Ltd, China / Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, USA	64	40	Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania
Ajanta Pharma Ltd, India	10	6	Cameroon, Kenya
GVS Labs, India	6	4	Ghana, Nigeria
Jiangsu Yixing Forward Pharm. Factory, China	5	4	Nigeria
Addis pharmaceutical factory, Ethiopia	4	2	Ethiopia
Bliss GVS Pharma Ltd, India	3	1	Ghana
Ernest Chemists Ltd, Ernest, Ghana	3	2	Ghana
Naxstar Lab Ltd, India	3	2	Nigeria
Danadams Pharmaceutical Industry Ltd, Ghana	2	1	Ghana
Ecomed Pharma Ltd, Nigeria	1	1	Nigeria
Ipca Laboratories Ltd, India	1	1	Kenya
Jayson Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Bangladesh	1	1	Ghana
Kinapharma Ltd, Ghana	1	1	Ghana
Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd, India	1	1	Nigeria
May & Baker Nigeria Plc, Nigeria	1	1	Nigeria
Medreich Plc, India	1	1	Ghana
Mekophar Chemical Pharm. Joint-Stock Company, Viet Nam	1	1	Nigeria
Universal Corporation Ltd, Kenya	1	1	Kenya

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**Table 3.3. Associations between concentrations of antimalarial drugs on day 7 and therapeutic response**

Drug	Therapeutic cut-off concentration (ng/ml)	Treatment failure rate (%) below vs above therapeutic concentration cut-off	Reference
Piperaquine	> 30	36 vs 6.8 ( $p < 0.001$ )	(293)
Lumefantrine	> 280/500	49 (< 280) vs 6 (> 500)	(337)
	> 280	49 vs 25 ( $p$ value not reported)	(270)
	> 600	22 vs 0 ( $p < 0.001$ )	(337)
	$\geq 400$	5.9 vs 0 ( $p = 0.001$ )	(275)
	> 280	7.7 vs 1.4 ( $p = 0.027$ )	(274)
	> 175	24 vs 1.1 ( $p < 0.001$ )	(348)
	> 500	25 vs 6.5 ( $p < 0.01$ )	(349)
Mefloquine	> 500	28 vs 0 ( $p = 0.0003$ )	(350)
Desethylamodiaquine	> 75	25 vs 0 ( $p = 0.096$ )	(247)
	> 150	44 vs ~22 ( $p$ value not reported)	(234)



# Malaria gaps of knowledge



- Biology of parasite: growth regulation
- Transmission of parasite: vector capacitance
- Genome of parasite & mosquito: control of variability
- Induced immunity: efficient vaccine
- Physiopathology of disease: role of microbiote
- Mecanisme of drug resistance: ears of hippopotame

## Fixed dose combinations

<b>Artemether-lumefantrine</b>	COARTEM, RIAMET	Novartis, Ajanta	2004
<b>Artesunate-amodiaquine:</b>	ASAQ, COARSUCAM	DNDi/Sanofi	2008
<b>DHA-piperaquine:</b>	EURARTESIM	Sigma-Tau	2011
<b>Artesunate-mefloquine:</b>	CIPLA tab	DNDi/Cipla Ltd	2012
<b>Artesunate-pyronaridine:</b>	PYRAMAX	Shin Poong Pharm	2012

ACT combination	Recommended dose	Treatment course
artemether/lumefantrine (AL)	1.4–4 mg/kg/dose 10–16 mg/kg/dose	Twice daily for three days
artesunate+/amodiaquine (AS+AQ, ASAQ)	2–10 mg/kg/day 7.5–15 mg/kg/day	Daily for three days
artesunate+/mefloquine (AS+MQ, ASMQ)	4 mg/kg/day (2–10 mg/kg/day) Total dose of 25 mg/kg	Daily for three days Divided daily for three days
artesunate+sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (AS+SP) <sup>a</sup>	4 mg/kg/day (2–10 mg/kg/day) 25 mg/kg (S) (25–70 mg/kg (S))	Daily for three days Once on day-1
dihydroartemisinin+piperaquine (DHA PPQ)	4 mg/kg/day (2–10 mg/kg/day) 18 mg/kg/day (16–26 mg/kg/day)	Daily for three days



# A Phase IIIb/IV comparative, randomised, multi-centre, open label, parallel 3-arm clinical study to assess the safety and efficacy of repeated administration of new ACTs

*Project Coordinator*  
**Abdoulaye Djimde**  
**MRTC, Bamako**



Country	Study Sites	Test products	Comparator
Mali	Kolles	PA or DHA-PQP	AL
Mali	Bougoula-Hameau	PA or DHA-PQP	ASAQ
Burkina Faso	Banfora	PA or DHA-PQP	ASAQ
Burkina Faso	Bobo-Dioulasso	PA or DHA-PQP	AL
Guinea	Maferenya	PA or DHA-PQP	ASAQ

trial number: PACTR201105000286876

- pyronaridine-artesunate (PYRAMAX, Shin Poong-MMV)
- dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine (EURARTESIM, Sigma-Tau-MMV)
  - artemether-lumefantrine (COARTEM or COARTEM-D)
  - artesunate-amodiaquine (ASAQ Winthrop/Coarsucam)
- over a two-year period, children and adult uncomplicated malaria



# Role of repeated doses

Treatment: 3 days per malaria episode

Treatment follow-up on Day 7, Day 14, Day 21, Day 28, Day 35, and Day 42

Study follow-up period of 2 years in children and adults

**4710 patients: intent-to-treat population**

**4442 patients: Day 42 efficacy evaluable population**

SP-C-013-11 (IP-07-31060-002)

# Malaria resistance: facts and hypothesis

## • Facts

- ACTs show more than 90% efficiency
- International guidelines
- 5 different ACTs
- Decreased sensitivity to artemisinin
- Resistance to partner drugs
- Molecular markers of resistance

## • Hypothesis

- Elimination and eradication?
- Climate change will drive new transmission patterns?
- Triple or more drug combination?
- Really new drugs?
- Vivax for ever?

# Resistance to Artemisinin

## **Decelerated progression of parasite cycle**

Reducing artemisinin activation by haem in ring stages

Increasing time to repair damaged proteins / cellular components

Reduces exposure of trophozoites to artemisinin

## **Increased dormancy**

Subsequent exit quiescence when drug level decreased

## **Increased gametocytogenesis**

Increase the probability of transmission



# Resistance to Artemisinin: KELCH propeller Domain

## Sensitive parasite:

Artemisinin is activated by haem produces in ring

Activated artemisinin alkylate nearby proteins: cell death

K13 binds to transcriptional factor avoiding antioxydant response

## Resistant parasite:

K13 mutation : disrupt binding of transcriptional factor

Upregulation of antioxydant proteins (unfolded)

Increased capacity to repair proteins

# Resistance to Artemisinin combination therapies

## Conditions of emergence:

- Low transmission = low immunity
- Low transmission = more symptomatic = more drug
- Focal transmission (remote areas, forests, borders) = fake drugs  
uncontrolled treatment = repeated non-curative doses
- Fewer multiclonal infection = less competition

## Conditions of spreading:

- Genetic backbone: fitness advantage

# Optimizing drug use

Ring-stage survival assay (RSA) (in vitro)

K13 propeller (molecular) C580Y

eastern Mekong (Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam): C580Y, R539T, Y493H, I543T

western Mekong (China, Myanmar, Thailand): F446L, N458Y, P574L, R561H

Markers for partner drugs

Parasitological failure: parasite on day 3

Clinical therapeutic failure: day 28 or 42 depending on partner drug

Multiple first line therapies



## Situation of ACT failures in the Greater Mekong subregion



# Anticipating

Target product profile

SERCaP : Single encounter Radical Cure & Prophylaxis

Really new drugs

Mass drug administration

# Target product profile

TCP1: Capable of replacing fast-acting artemisinin

TCP2: Long duration combination partner

TCP 3a: Killing hypnozoites

TCP 3b: Transmission blocking

TCP4: Blocking liver infection by sporozoite

Killing liver schizontes



# Single Encounter Radical Cure and Prophylaxis: SERCaP

Single dose

Prevention of transmission

Prevention of relapses

Post-treatment prophylaxis

# Really New schizonticides: phase II

<b>OZ439:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> generation endoperoxyde	Sanofi (-> 2018)
<b>KAE609:</b>	inhibitor sodium channel PfATP4	Novartis
<b>KAF156:</b>	Imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine	
<b>DSM265:</b>	Inhibitor of dihydroxyorotate deshydrogenase (DHODH)	

**Fast actives & actives against artemisinin resistant strains**  
**Long half-life : over a week for a single dose**

## Partner drugs: 3 options

Piperaquine -> resistances already exist

New member of old family : ferroquine or Pyronaridine

Paired two new drugs

**On going Trials:** OZ439 + Piperaquine  
OZ439 + Ferroquine  
OZ439 + DSM265  
KAE609 + ?

# QUINOLAC (2008 – on going )

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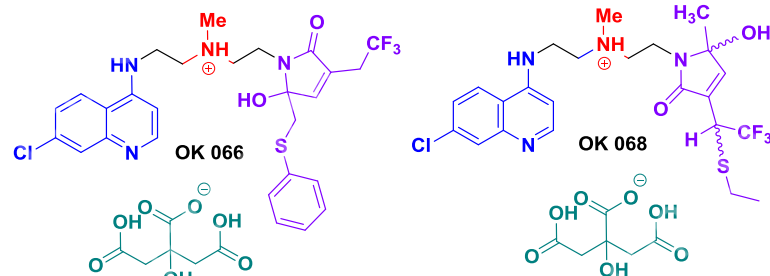
## Original $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\gamma$ -lactam scaffold

Hybrid with 4-amino-7-chloro quinoline & 8-amino-2-methoxy quinoline skeletons (*first and second generation*)

Structures without quinoline unit (3rd generation),  
Two series of  $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\gamma$ -lactams / 2 syntheses (7 steps vs 3 steps based on tetronic acid)

15-300 nM (3D7, W2), no cytotoxicity (HUVEC cells), low resistance index, stable at pH 5,4 and 7,2 up to 72 h (LC/MS), **but highly lipophilic**

- J. Med. Chem. **2013**, 56, 73;
- Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. **2013**, 23, 6167;
- Tetrahedron Lett. **2013**, 54, 4577;
- Eur. J. Org. Chem. **2015**, 28, 6259;
- Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. **2016**, 26, 5308;
- 1 patent.



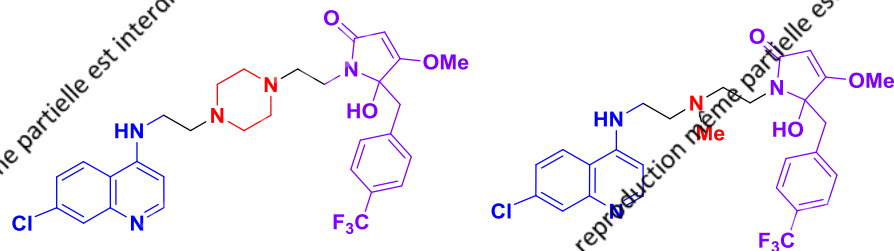
IC<sub>50</sub> (3D7) = 26 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (W2) = 49 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (3D7) = 19 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (W2) = 42 nM

### First generation



IC<sub>50</sub> (3D7) = 19 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (W2) = 17 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (3D7) = 14 nM

IC<sub>50</sub> (W2) = 34 nM

### Second generation

Third generation: no 4-aminQ skeleton

IC<sub>50</sub> = 100-175 nM

# Mass drug administration: empiric

Aims:	Elimination in low-endemic areas Control of epidemics
Protocole:	Full treatment dose Repeated twice at monthly intervals
People:	Most recipients are healthy (no parasite) Some have asymptomatic malaria
Area:	Low seasonal transmission areas
Period:	Dry season
Drug:	Different from 1 <sup>st</sup> line: DHA-P + single low dose PQ

**Windows of resistance selection: 1 month after last dose**

# Surveillance and response

- Elimination stages
- Less than 1000 people at risk per year
- Hot pops / hot spots
- Reactive case detection (1-3-7)
  - Passive detected case (day 1)
  - Household, neighbors, contact : active detection and Treatment (day 3)
  - Appropriate public health response (day 7)



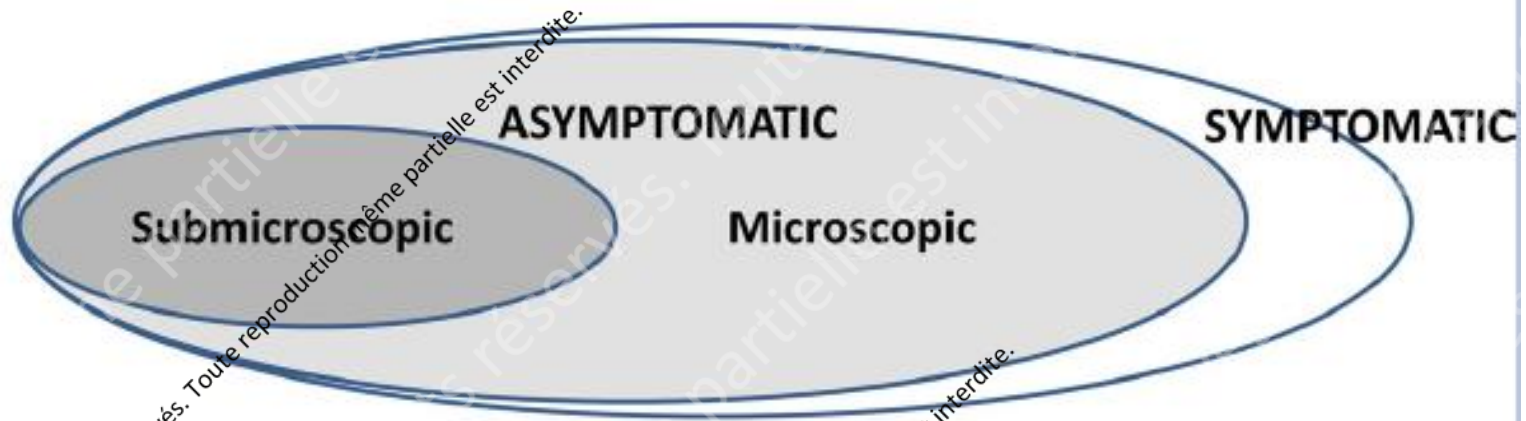
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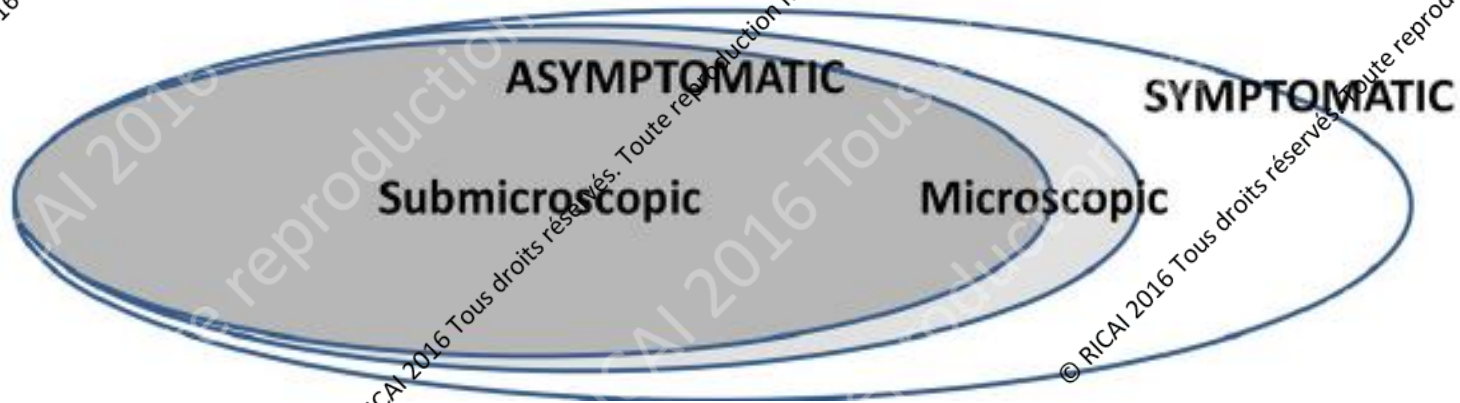
Test. Treat. Track.



## A. High transmission setting



## B. Low transmission setting



The role of submicroscopic malaria in malaria transmission:  
what is the evidence?

Jessica T. Lin<sup>1</sup>, David L. Saunders<sup>2</sup>, and Steven R. Meshnick<sup>3</sup>

# Parasite loads

## Total body

- Liver stages :  $10^3$  to  $10^5$
- Asymptomatic malaria : 1 to  $10^5$
- Symptomatic malaria :  $10^8$  to  $10^{12}$  (10 millions-100 milliards)
- Severe malaria :  $10^9$  to  $10^{13}$

## Per $\mu$ l of blood

- Liver stages : n.a.
- Asymptomatic malaria : 0 to 0.05
- Symptomatic malaria : 50 to 500.000
- Severe malaria : 500 to >5.000.000

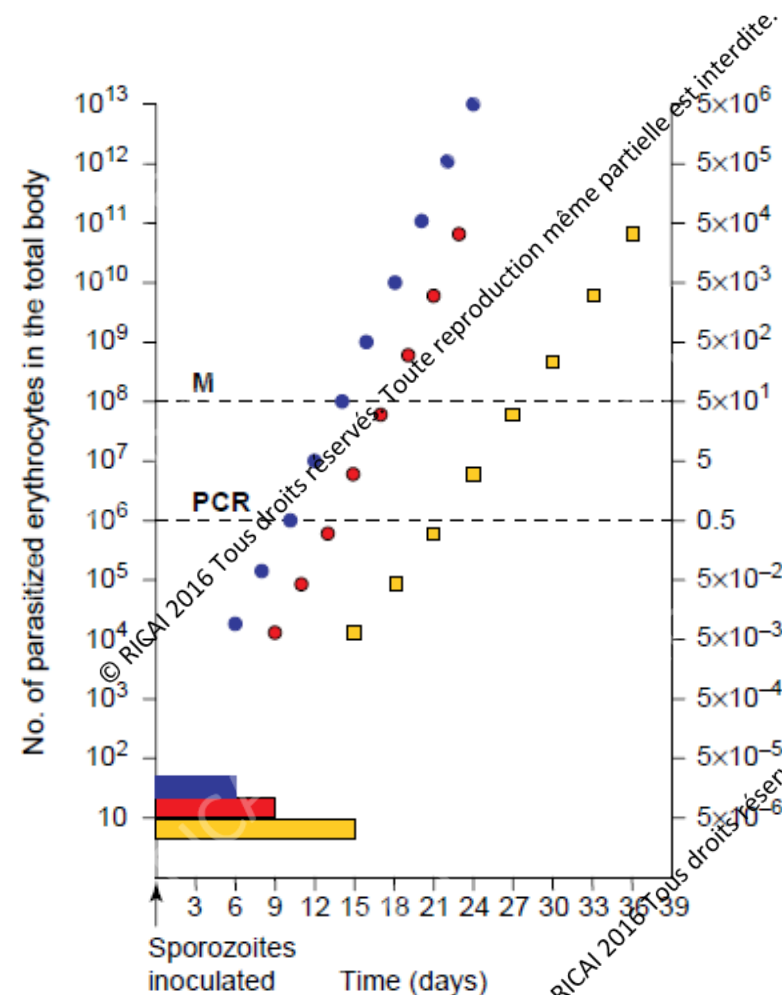


Table 2. Limit of detection of a single infected red blood cell ( $5 \times 10^6$  RBC/ $\mu$ L;  $8 \times 10^3$  WBC/ $\mu$ L)

iRBC/ $\mu$ L	Parasitemia	Microscopy	RDT-Antigen	Nucleic Acid	Hemozoin
50,000	1.00000000%	Average Microscopist >100 iRBC/ $\mu$ L  Expert Microscopist ≥5-10 iRBC/ $\mu$ L	FIND Assay Performance 2000 to 200 iRBC/ $\mu$ L	18S rRNA mtDNA Stevor TARE-2	Magneto-Optical 10-40 iRBC/ $\mu$ L  MDM Whole Blood 0.5 to 0.05 iRBC/ $\mu$ L
5,000	0.10000000%				
500	0.01000000%				
50	0.00100000%				
5	0.00010000%			Whole Blood 5 to 0.5 iRBC/ $\mu$ L  Concentrated Whole Blood 0.05 to 0.005 iRBC/ $\mu$ L	
0.5	0.00001000%				
0.05	0.00000100%				
0.005	0.00000010%				
0.0005	0.00000001%				

## Malaria diagnosis for malaria elimination

Peter A. Zimmerman and Rosalind E. Howes

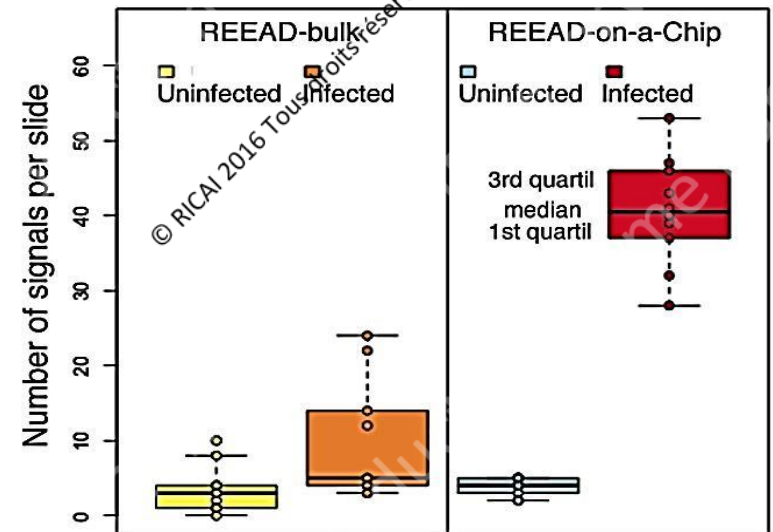
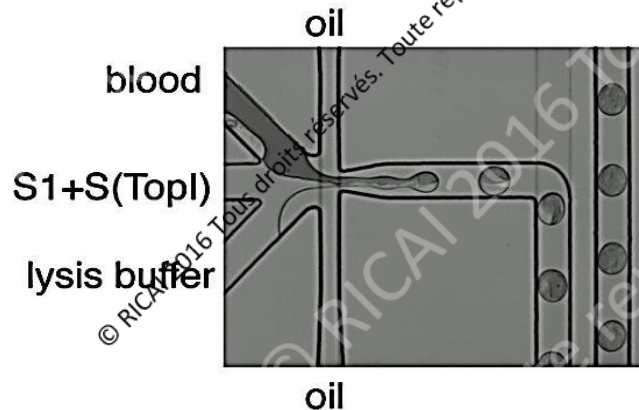
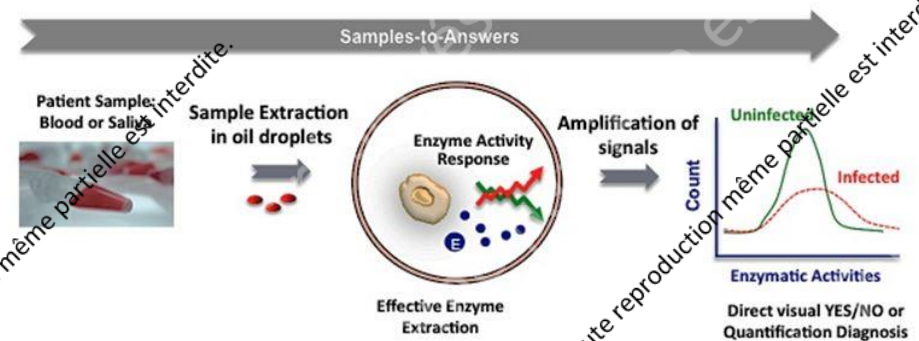
# Rolling-circle-enhanced enzyme activity detection (REEAD)

## Droplet Microfluidics Platform for Highly Sensitive and Quantitative Detection of Malaria-Causing *Plasmodium* Parasites Based on Enzyme Activity Measurement

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# Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP)

**Isothermal DNA amplification** (Notomi T, Nucleic Acids Res. 2000. )

First application to malaria diagnosis : Poon LLM, Clin. Chem. 2006.

Suitable tool for diagnosis in endemic areas. Polley SD, J. Infect. Dis. 2013.

**Illumigene Malaria plus(Meridian)**

**Pos / Neg in 45 minutes**

		Light microscopy		
		+	-	
LAMP	+	40	3	PPV = 0.93
	-	0	37	NPV = 1
		Sensitivity = 1		Specificity = 0.925

***Non-inferiority of Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification compared to light microscopy for screening patients with imported malaria in a non-endemic setting (submitted)***

*in vivax veritas, sed in hypnozoites sapientia*

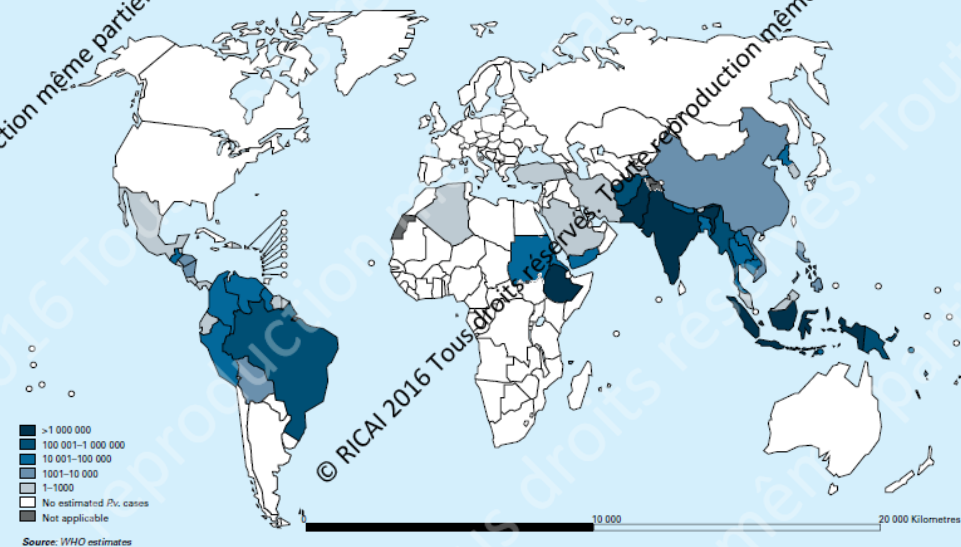
## ***Plasmodium vivax* best friends**

**Reticulocytes** (no culture)

**Hypnozoites** (no cure)

**Gametocytes** (no elimination)

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF *PLASMODIUM VIVAX* CASES BY COUNTRY, 2013





# Malaria transmission in Northern Europe (speculative!)

## Complexity of transmission cycles

Ecological, Societal, Behavioral factors

Environmental changes: new wetlands, urban greenspace

Climate change: +2 +4 +6°C by 2100 ?

## Vectors

adaptation

spreading : tyres, trucks, highways

Importation versus establishment

UK anophelines are competent

## Models:

falciparum : probably not suitable

vivax 4 months/yr by 2030 in southeast England

vivax 4 months/yr by 2080 Southern Scotland!

# P. vivax resistance: prepare the war

⇒ Therapeutic failures (India, Turkey, Indonesia, PNG, Thailand...)

⇒ Prophylaxis failures

ATV-PG (Ethiopia, Povinelli 2003. SEA, Jimenez 2006)

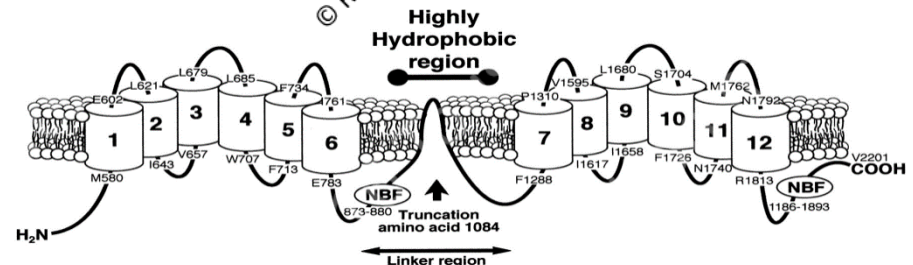
MQ (French Guiana, Picot 2005)

⇒ Decreased primaquine efficacy (Indonesia, PNG, Thailand...)

Identification of the *Plasmodium vivax* *mdr*-Like Gene (*pvmdr1*) and Analysis of Nucleotide Polymorphisms among Isolates from Different Areas of Endemicity

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JID 2005;191 (15 January)



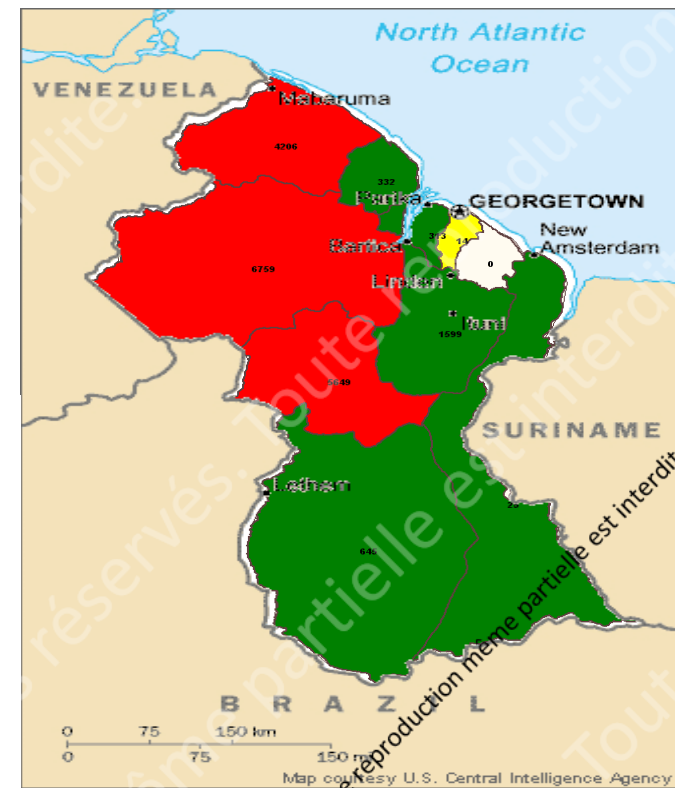
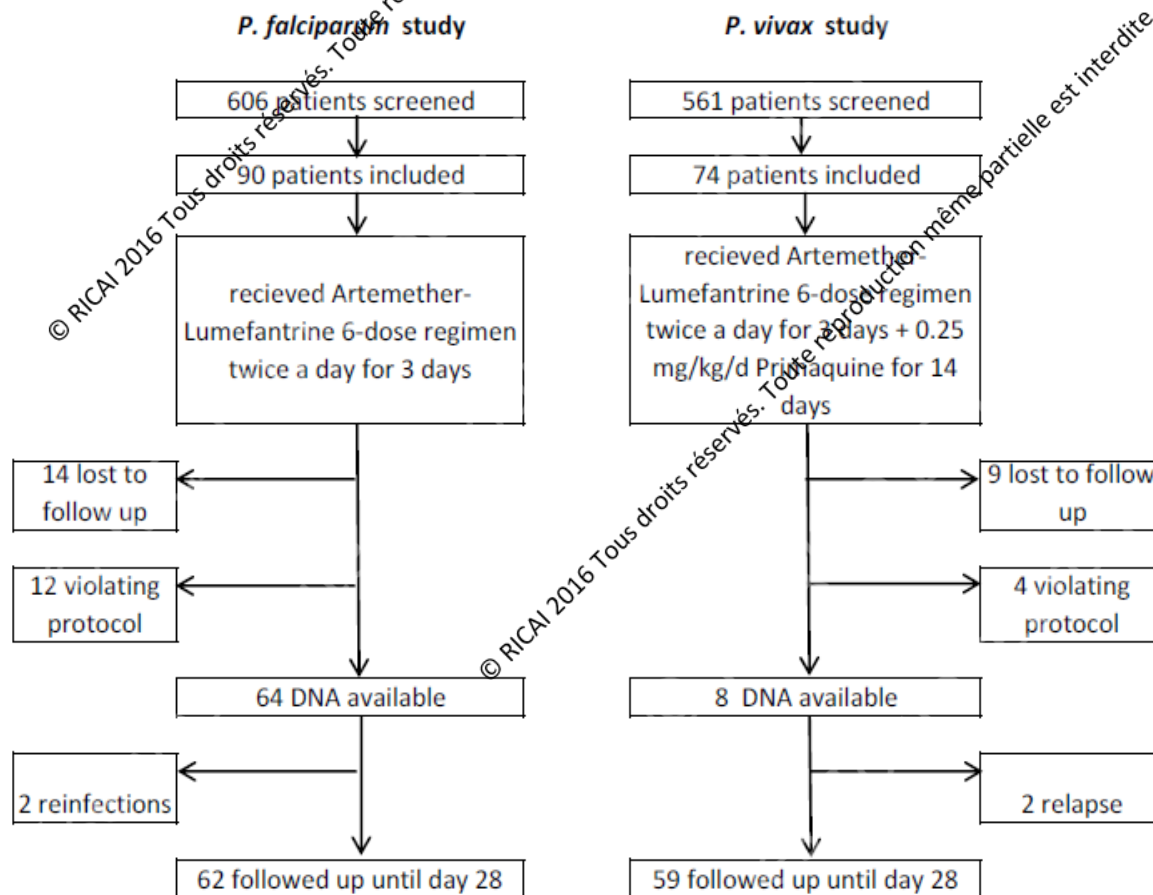
RESEARCH

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# Therapeutic efficacy of artemether-lumefantrine for *Plasmodium vivax* infections in a prospective study in Guyana

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**Figure 1. Flow chart of the study procedure**



**Ethical Clearance** by the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Health of Guyana. Informed written consent was provided by all patients or their parents/guardians before inclusion in the study.



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# GLOBAL TECHNICAL STRATEGY FOR MALARIA 2016–2030

## VISION – A WORLD FREE OF MALARIA

GOALS	MILESTONES		TARGETS
	2020	2025	2030
1. Reduce malaria mortality rates globally compared with 2015	At least 40%	At least 75%	At least 90%
2. Reduce malaria case incidence globally compared with 2015	At least 40%	At least 75%	At least 90%
3. Eliminate malaria from countries in which malaria was transmitted in 2015	At least 10 countries	At least 20 countries	At least 35 countries
4. Prevent re-establishment of malaria in all countries that are malaria-free	Re-establishment prevented	Re-establishment prevented	Re-establishment prevented



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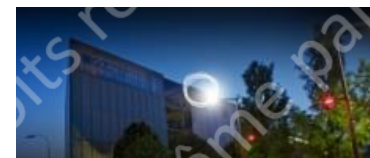


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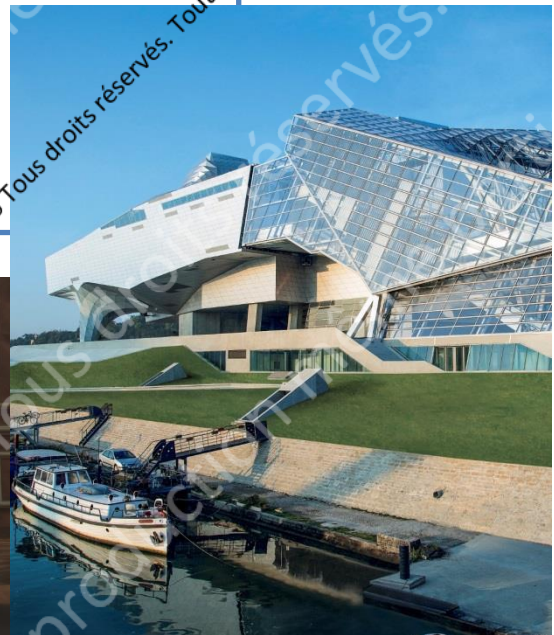


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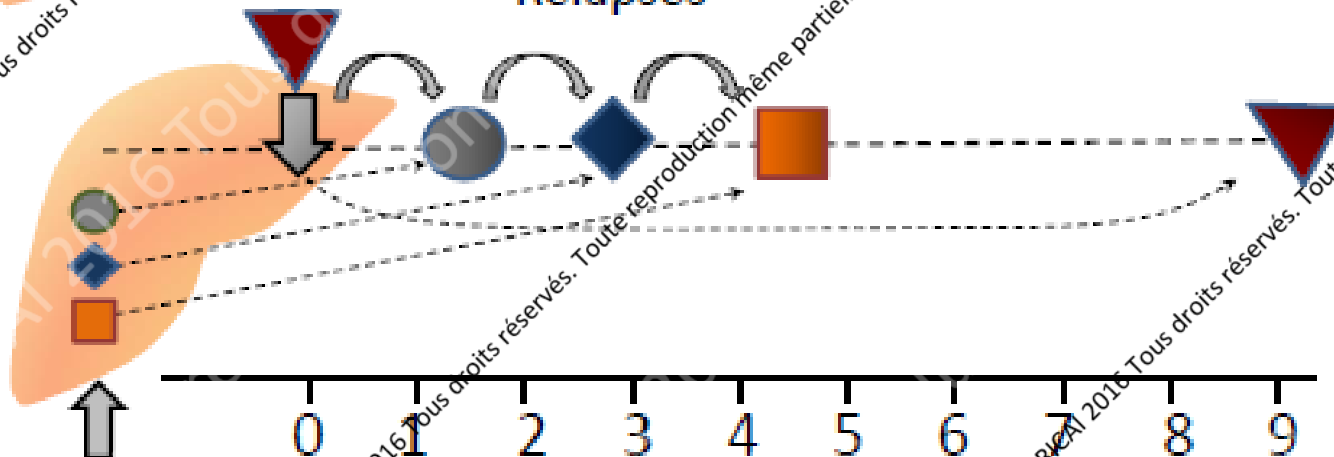
## Tropical frequent relapse phenotype

New infection Relapses



## Long latency relapse phenotype

New infection Relapses



Previously  
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hypnozoites

Months

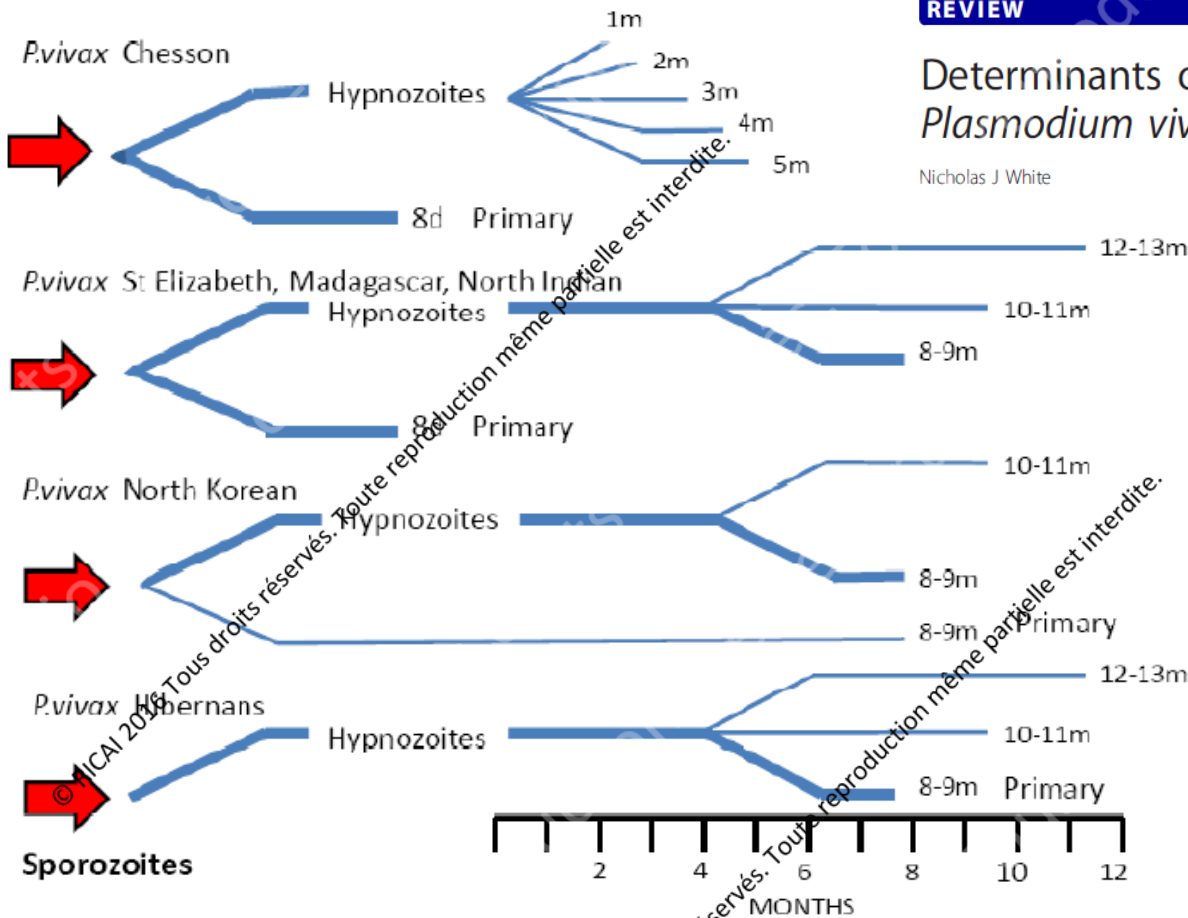
REVIEW

Determinants of relapse periodicity in  
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## *Plasmodium vivax* malaria: A re-emerging threat for temperate climate zones?

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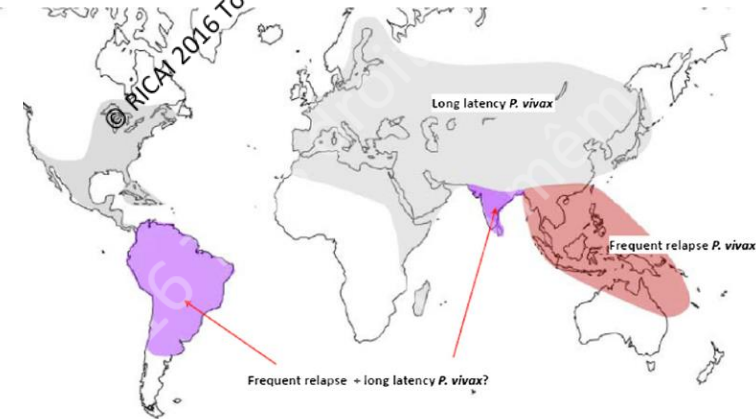
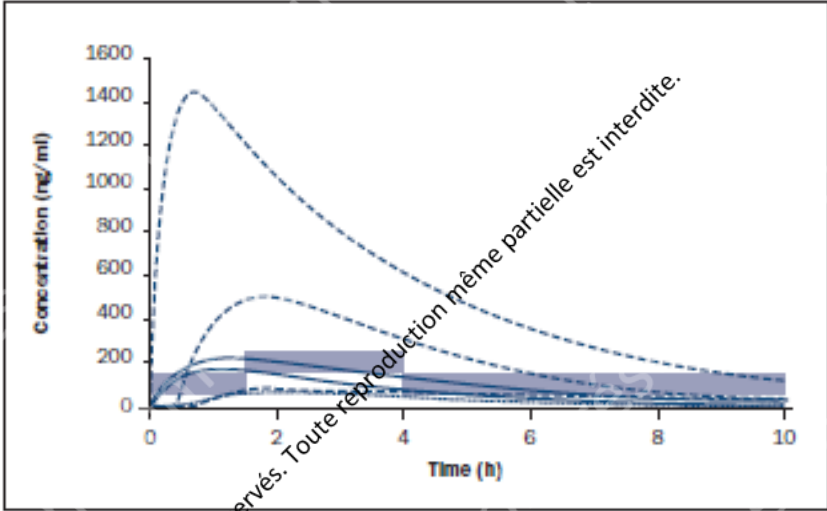


Figure 3 Approximate historical distribution of *P. vivax* phenotypes (White NJ 2011).

Figure 3.4. Pharmacokinetics of artemisinins after a standard single oral dose



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Figure 3.10. Pharmacokinetics of mefloquine after a standard oral treatment

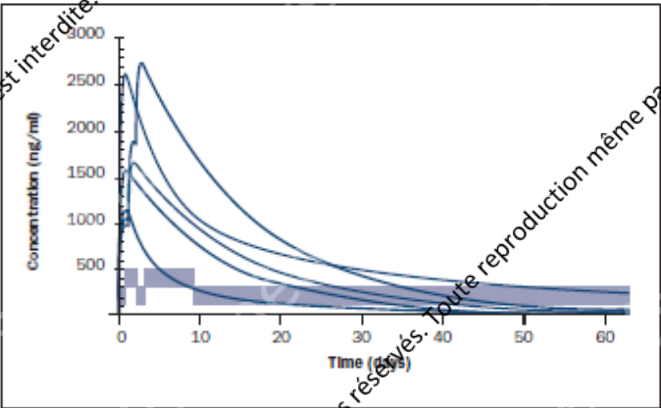
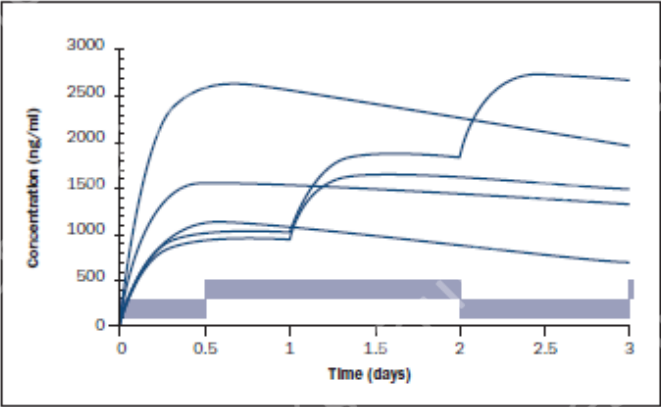
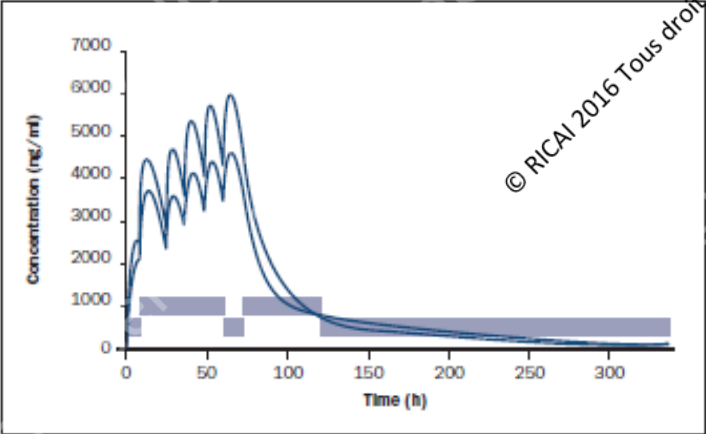
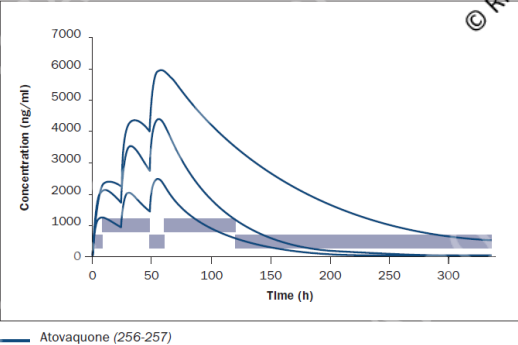


Figure 3.9. Pharmacokinetics of lumefantrine and desbutyl-lumefantrine after a standard oral treatment



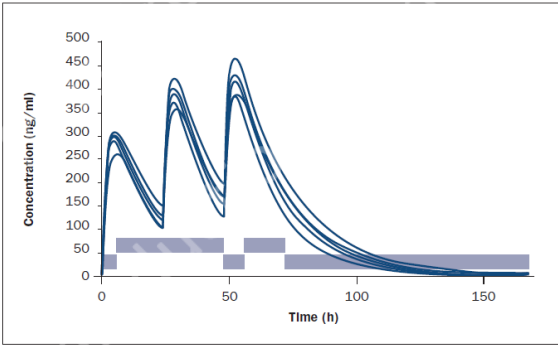
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Figure 3.6. Pharmacokinetics of atovaquone after a standard oral treatment

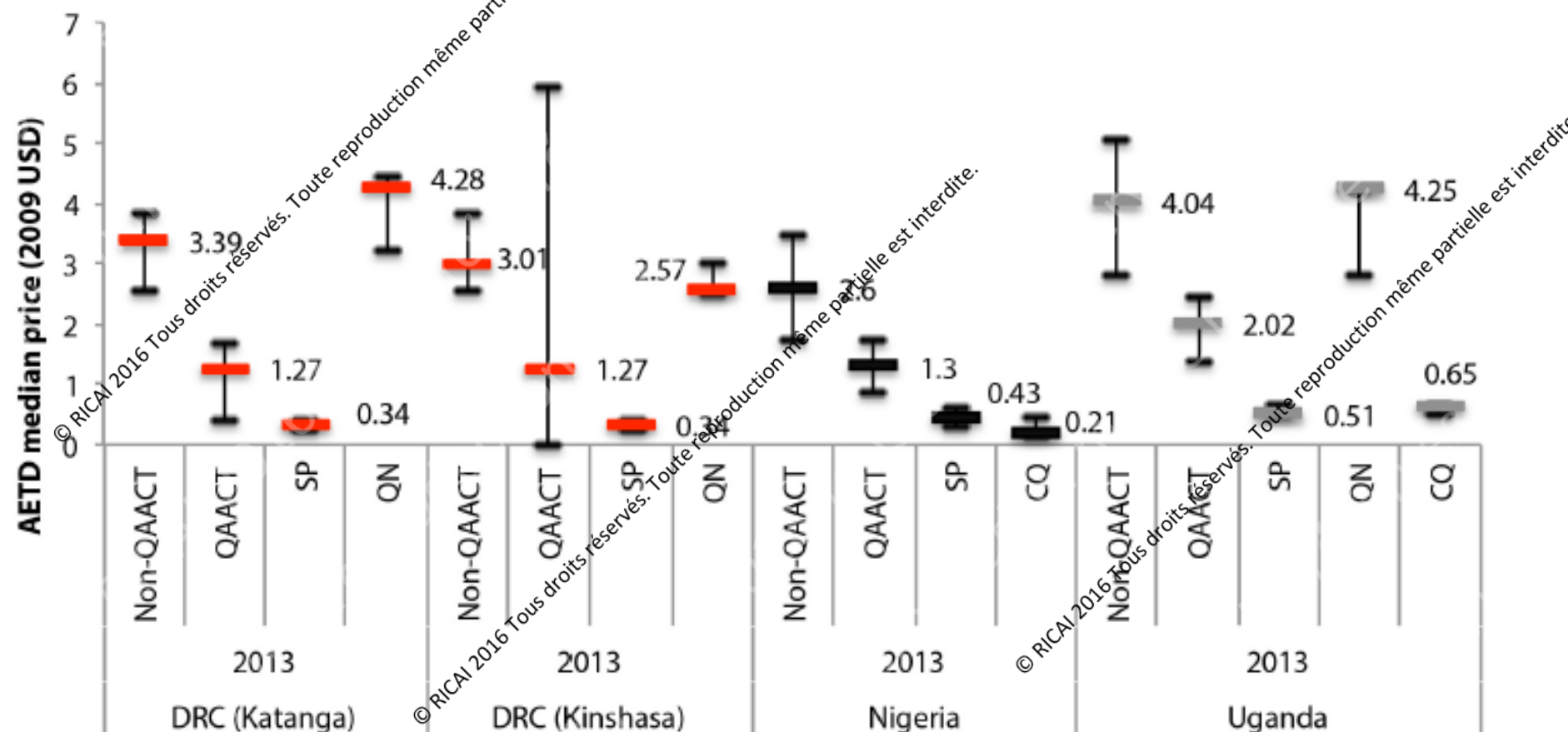


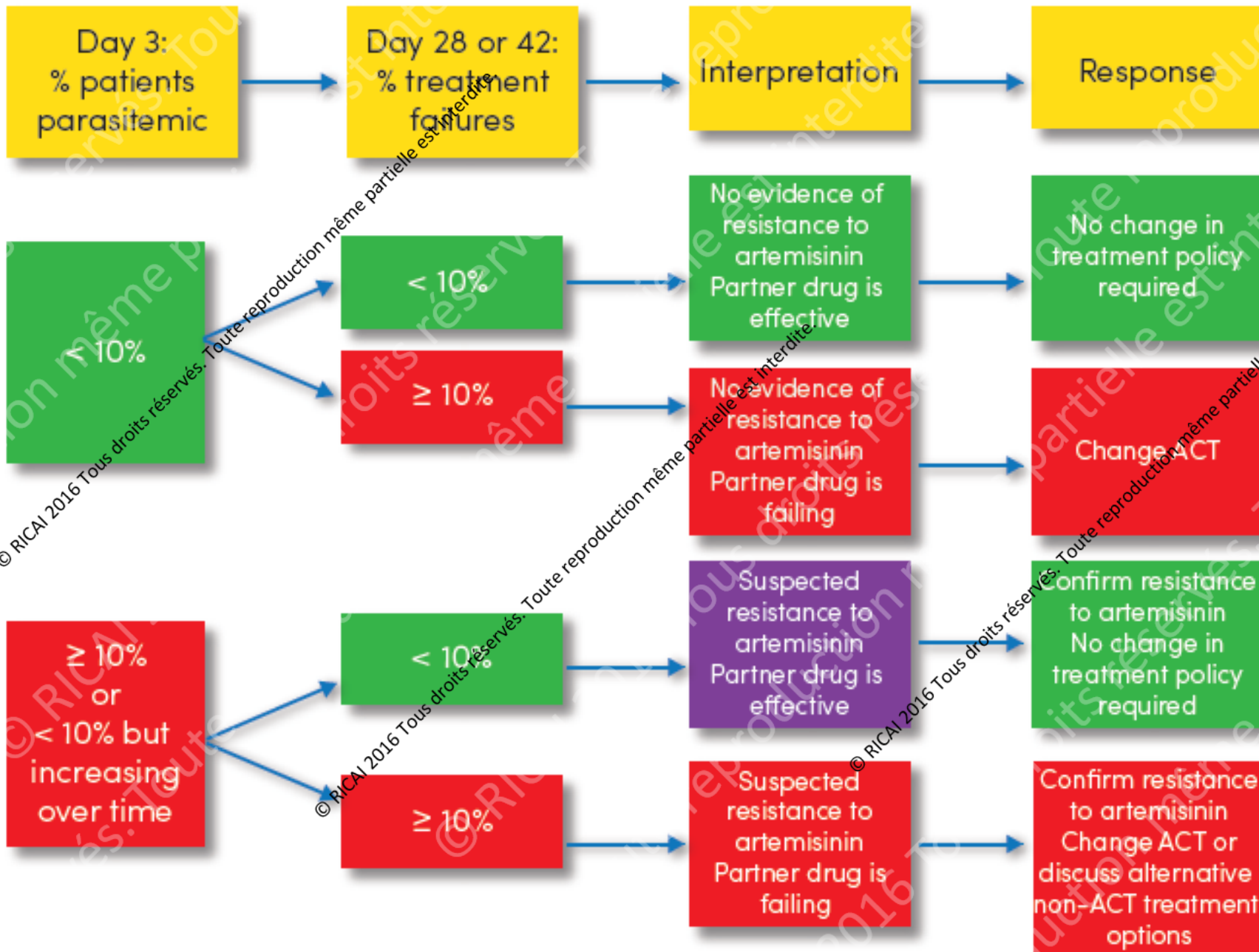
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Figure 3.7. Pharmacokinetics of proguanil after a standard oral treatment



**Figure 26. Price of QAACTs, non-QAACTs and non-oAMTs, AETD among outlets stocking at least one antimalarial at the time of survey in the private sector, 2013**





# Resistance to Artemisinin

## ACTs available in Cambodia and Vietnam over 20 yrs

- 2002 Pailin -> AS-MQ day 28 failure rate : 14%
- 2004 Pailin -> AS-MQ day 42 failure rate : 21%
- ...
- 2013 Oddar Meanchey -> DHA-PP day 63 FR : > 50%
- Many more.



# Resistance: De novo emergence / subsequent spread

## De novo emergence

- Rare : less than 10 times in 50 years for CQ
- Non-immune patient with high parasitemia & insufficient treatment
- New mutant parasite multiplication to produce transmissible densities of gametocytes ( > 8 generations)

## Subsequent spread

- Transmission to susceptible patient
- Windows of selection (low drug concentration)